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REMARKS

Claims 1-85 are pending in this application. Applicants note that these claims were incorrectly numbered as claims 1-24 and 30-85. Accordingly, these claims are currently renumbered as claims 1-80.

Claims 1-25, 35, 45, 71-72 and 76-78 have been cancelled herewith without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants note that claims 1-25, 35, 45, 71-72 and 76-78 have not been cancelled for any reason related to patentability. As such, the claims of the instant application have not yet been subject to substantive examination. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in this or a future related application.

Claims 26-34, 36-44, 46-70, and 79-80 have been amended to primarily correct improper claim numbering, typographical and grammatical errors. Support for amendments to claims 32 and 42 can be found, for example, at p. 59, ll. 17-18. Support for amendments to claims 38-40 and 47 can be found, for example, at p. 59, ll. 18-19. Support for the amendment to claims 51 and 52 can be found, for example, in the original claims and at p. 31, ll. 27-30. Support for the amendment to claim 68 can be found, for example, at p. 31, ll. 20-22. Support for the amendment to claim 74 can be found, for example, at p. 96, ll. 14-18, and p. 110, ll. 15-16. Support for the amendment to claim 75 can be found, for example, at p. 40, l. 25, and p. 5, ll. 5-9. No new matter is added by way of this amendment.

Claims 81-84 have been newly added. Support for claim 81 can be found, for example, at p. 8, ll. 15-18. Support for claim 82 can be found, for example, at p. 33, ll. 7-8. Support for claim 83 can be found, for example, at p. 116, ll. 28-31. Support for claim 84 can be found at p. 35, l. 24 and p. 35, l. 26.

Accordingly, upon entry of this amendment, claims 26-34, 36-44, 46-70, and 79-84 will be pending in this application.

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The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical and grammatical errors. No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

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CONCLUSIONS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 26-34, 36-44, 46-70, and 79-84 will be pending in this application.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this correspondence. However, if any fees are due, please charge the payments due to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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